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## **CITY FILES NUISANCE SUIT AGAINST LOCAL MOTEL**

INDIANAPOLIS – The owners of the Traveler's Inn located at 8202 Bluff Road – Sean Bruske and Reuse America, Inc. – face public nuisance charges in a lawsuit filed today by the Office of City Prosecutor.

The suit alleges that the since July 2008 the property unreasonably consumed public resources, including law enforcement resources used to respond to criminal and nuisance issues at the property. From July 2008 to June 2011, there have been more than 1,200 police runs, and more than 2,200 officers have spent time and resources to investigate criminal, public safety and nuisance complaints at this location.

Traveler's Inn also is charged with operating without a proper business license, as required by City ordinance. The City is seeking injunctive relief, fines and punitive damages.

"These public nuisance charges being filed are part of a greater effort by the City of Indianapolis to crack down on negligent property owners," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "We will not allow negligent property owners to damage our community and drain our public resources."

The suit asserts that the neighborhoods and communities surrounding the property, as well as the City itself, have been harmed and will continue to suffer diminished use and enjoyment of properties and impaired health and comfort as a direct result of the nuisance created by the ongoing activities that take place at Traveler's Inn.

"The activities that occur at Traveler's Inn demonstrate the motel's inability to operate a responsible business and provide a safe environment for overnight guests," said City Prosecutor Helen Marchal. "These property owners have created a public nuisance by allowing their property to become a hot spot for crime."

The Department of Code Enforcement (DCE)'s Nuisance Abatement section works closely with the Office of City Prosecutor to protect the quality of life for neighborhoods by taking action against problem property owners.

*The mission of the Office of City Prosecutor is to fairly adjudicate violations of the Revised Code of Indianapolis-Marion County in an effort to preserve and protect neighborhoods.*

*The mission of DCE is to improve the quality of life in the City of Indianapolis through strategic application of civil code regulation; effective licensing, permitting, inspection, enforcement, and abatement practices; and local government oversight of property safety and maintenance, business, event, professional, and construction industries.*

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